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- 5) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 22 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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AA	8 4 8 8 7 7	09/1952	Fed. Rep. of Germany	-	-		x
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS

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